

LARGE CROWD THERE

Democratic Convention Opens With Much Enthusiasm

PROMINENT MEN IN ATTENDANCE

Auditorium Is Crowded With Spectators—Taggart Calls Convention to Order—Invocation By Roman Catholic Archbishop-Bell, Temporary Chairman

Denver, Colo., July 7.—The Democratic convention of the East and West today joined within the shadows of the snow-capped Rockies to name standard bearers and formulate policies upon which to bid to the voters of the Nation. This is the first time that the party has received the claims of the West in the honor of a meeting place and Denver, for her appreciation of the honor, provided a new auditorium, the largest of its kind in America. Before noon, the hour set for the opening session of the twenty-second annual Democratic convention, the auditorium in the vicinity of the auditorium (named) with people waiting for the doors to be thrown open. In order to prevent confusion about the entrances, the police had roped off all of the streets leading to the structure. Mayor Speer had personal charge of the handling of the crowd, and a small army of police was detailed to preserve order. The assembling and seating of delegates the famous "cowboy" of Pueblo and Alamosa, perched on the roof in the rear of the building, rendered a mixed program of music, classical and rag-time airs. The decorations were probably the elaborate ever used for a function of this nature. Above the seat of the speaker was suspended a magnificent banner of George Washington, draped with large American flags and festooned with many yards of tri-colored bunting. To the right was a similar banner of Andrew Jackson and to the left of Thomas Jefferson. On the left wall was a photograph of the Democratic president, Grover Cleveland, bordered with black in mute evidence of the prevailing feeling of sorrow at his recent death. The national colors were used profusely in carrying out the decorations.

The center of the hall were 1002 seats for the delegates and in back of these were the seats of the alternates. Each of these sections were two from Colorado and Utah each having a male delegate and an alternate.

It is the first time that the "sufrages" of the West had the opportunity of seeing women politicians participating in national affairs.

Great interest centered in the arrival of various big men of the party who had never been seen in this part of the country. As their identity became known in the gallery they were given generous rounds of applause.

By 12 o'clock the auditorium was packed from floor to the topmost gallery, a majority of the visitors seats being occupied by women.

Shortly after noon Chairman Thomas Taggart of Indiana, head of the Democratic National Committee, rapped for order and the business of the convention was begun. Secretary Urey Woodson, of the National Committee, was introduced and read the call under which the assemblage had convened. Following this Rt. Rev. James J. Keane, Roman Catholic Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Wyoming, offered the invocation, the audience standing during the prayer.

Chairman Taggart next announced the names of the temporary officers selected by the National Committee, the principal ones being Temporary Chairman, Theodore A. Bell, of California; Temporary Secretary, Urey Woodson, of Kentucky, and First Assistant Secretary, Edwin Nelson, of New York. The selections were ratified by the convention and a special escort piloted Temporary Chairman Bell to the stand. The California statesman in a lengthy speech sounded the keynote of the convention.

Must Rebuild Line

The Midway Tel. & Tel. Co. will be forced to rebuild its line to Bonanza as the same will be affected by the induction current from the Moore Bros power line. The strong voltage passing over the Moore Bros. line will affect all ground circuit lines and in order to avoid the trouble the Midway Company will rebuild its line, making it a copper metallic circuit. The work will be begun some time next week.



DENVER AUDITORIUM, SCENE OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION, JULY 7.

DAM NOT YET IN SIGHT

Newell Writes That Bids on Clear Lake Cannot Be Reconsidered

Replying to the request asking for the reconsideration of the bids on the Clear Lake dam, director F. H. Newell, of the Reclamation Service, has written the president of the board of directors of the Water Users' Association, that it will be impossible to reconsider the bids, but he will recommend that work commence on the dam as soon as 80 per cent of the lands are signed up with the government.

Those who are familiar with the conditions say that the statement of Director Newell is equivalent to saying that nothing will be done on the dam this year. Parties owning lands under the Upper project that have not been signed are now very slow about encumbering their lands by signing them for government irrigation when they have no definite knowledge of the time when the government will start in to reclaim the lands.

City Can Buy Water System Any Time Says H. V. Gates

In his talk before the council last night H. V. Gates stated that reports have frequently reached him that the Klamath Falls Light & Water Co. would not sell its plant to the city only at such times when the contract provided that it might be purchased by the city. In speaking of the matter he said:

"The city can buy our plant at any time, and if it does not want to buy according to the terms of the contract, we will sell for what it is worth, the value of the plant to be ascertained by experts."

When the plant was installed the city held the right to purchase the plant at the end of ten years and if it failed so to do at the expiration of every five years thereafter. The ten years expired about two years ago and the purchase was not made, but Mr. Gates now says that he will not hold the city to the contract to await the expiration of the five year period, but will sell at any time that the city is ready to buy.

Crops Looking Well

Farmers and ranchers in this vicinity are beginning to feel more jubilant over the crop prospects. The warm weather has advanced grains and grasses wonderfully in the past few weeks and many of the farmers who have fields under the canal say that the yield will be better this year than it was last year, especially in this so with the first cutting of alfalfa. There are some fields throughout the basin that are not as good as they should be and all of the crops are a little late, but the general prospects are now much better than they were a short time ago.

To All Music Lovers

Come in and hear the new "Symphony Grand" at Heitkemper's.

Violet, the 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hulse, had her face and hair quite badly burned yesterday evening by the explosion of belated Fourth of July fireworks. She will suffer no permanent injury from the accident.

Regular Council Meeting

Aside from allowing the regular monthly bills the council did little business last night, most of the time being given to H. V. Gates for the presentation of his plans for the improvement of the fire protection of the city.

The council revoked its proceedings at a special meeting, levying a poll tax, the same having been illegal. The reenactment of the poll tax ordinance will be taken up at the next meeting.

Mong Company Coming

Ayres and Price, of Lakeview, announce that Mr. and Mrs. Wm. V. Mong and company, accompanied by a solo orchestra, will play in Klamath Falls for seven nights beginning on the 13th of this month. They will present a number of popular dramatic and comedy productions that will be new to this section.

Horace V. Mitchell returned this morning from Ashland, where he spent the Fourth. He states that Mrs. L. C. Sisemore and Mrs. R. A. Allford, who also spent the day at Ashland, will return in a few days with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Mitchell, who are coming to Klamath to spend a few weeks at the resorts in the northern end of the county.

Pleasure seekers are coming and going to and from the resorts in the northern end of the county. The following party has just returned from a camping trip in Wood river valley: Miss M. E. Hamilton, E. S. Pratt, Rev. Geo. T. Pratt, W. D. Fry, S. Grizzle, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Grizzle, Miss K. DeF. Skinner and Mr. and Mrs. Will Humphrey.

Geo. H. Smith, brother of R. S., arrived last night from Eugene, accompanied by Mrs. Smith. They will remain here for a few weeks and will spend some of the time at Spring Creek.

They are swell and down to date—they have the quality and are useful—some new things at McHattan's.

BETTER PROTECTION

Plan Is Presented to the Mayor, Council and Citizens

IMPROVEMENTS VERY EXTENSIVE

Provide for Sixty Hydrants for Fire Protection and Connecting of Mains to Perfect Circulation of Water System in all Parts of the City

City officials and interested parties who attended the council meeting last night and listened to the explanation of the improvements of the water system as proposed by Hon. H. V. Gates for the Klamath Falls Light & Water Co. were quite favorably impressed with the plan. By means of diagrams Mr. Gates showed the insufficiency of the present protection in case of fire and also how his company proposed to remedy matters.

A diagram of the system showed that the water mains of the city run east and west with a cross pipe every three blocks, but in many parts these pipes are not connected, so that the circulation of the system is far from being even good. At the present time there are only short sections of six-inch pipe on Klamath avenue, the company proposes to extend this pipe the full length of the avenue, giving additional protection for Main street and making it possible to lower the fire insurance rate according to insurance men who are conversant with the conditions.

The company proposes to connect up all sections of pipes in all parts of the city so as to perfect the circulation of the system and thereby furnish protection for every district within the corporate limits. In order to do this it will be necessary to expend approximately \$8,000 in the laying of additional pipes, which the company is willing to do if the city will install fifty-one hydrants, which, with the nine contract hydrants, will give ample fire protection. The company proposes that the city shall buy and install the additional hydrants and own the same, the nine now installed being the property of the company and the city paying annually therefor \$305, this being the amount fixed by the contract.

The company realizes that the city could not pay for sixty hydrants at this rate and has made the proposition that if the city will install the additional fifty-one hydrants, they will make an annual charge of \$1,200 for the sixty, thus adding only \$895 to the present hydrant cost and getting therefor fifty-one additional plugs. Mr. Gates estimated that the hydrants could be purchased and installed for about \$30 each.

In addition to the laying of the pipe the plans for the improvement of the water system provide for the comple-

tion of the two reservoirs that are now in the course of construction and for the installation of a pump that will throw 500 gallons per minute. The one pump now in use has a capacity of 800 gallons, and the second one is added as a safeguard in case the one should break while a fire is raging. The two pumps and the three reservoirs will give five sources of supply in case of fire and will have a tendency to an automatic regulation of the pressure where elevations are the same. Under the improved system the fire pressure on Main street will be approximately 100 pounds, while on Klamath avenue it will be a few pounds more and in other sections a trifle less.

Mr. Gates did not urge the council to enter into a contract, but presented the proposition in a way that made it plain that the present protection is inadequate in the extreme and that by following out the plan proposed by the company the city will be able to secure the best possible protection. The mayor, council and property owners present seemed favorably impressed and it is very probable that some action will be taken on the matter in the near future.

Making Test Pits

The Southern Pacific well boring outfit, under the supervision of Harry Crosby, is engaged in making test pits for concrete foundations for conduits for the places where the government canals cross the railroad grade. In order to build these conduits in the low places it will be necessary to lay the foundations on solid bottom, and the test pits are between 80 and 100 feet deep. The outfit is at work immediately below town today.

G. Heitkemper, Jr., has received a Symphony Grand Parlor phonograph. The instrument is the latest improvement in the phonographs and it and two others sent to a firm at Portland are the first ones sent into the state of Oregon. It is a beautiful piece of ornamental furniture and the tones are as clear as from any musical instrument in existence.

To make room for new goods that are now on the way we are disposing of all second-hand articles we have left at prices less than cost. Virgil & Son.

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